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SUBJECT: SOVIET LETTER ON ETE CONGRESSES

SUMMARY: SOVIETS MARCH 17 GAVE ECE MEMBERS COPIES OF
SOVIET LETTER TO ECE EXECSEC URGIN ACTION ON THEIR ETE
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CONFERENCES. IN ARGUING FOR AGREEMENT TO PROCEED
SOVIETS RECOGNIZE THAT CONFERENCES MUST UTILIZE TO
MAXIMUM EXTENT ECE EXPERIENCES AND APPARATUS AND THAT
CONFERENCES COULD TAKE PLACE "WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF"
THE ECE. ACCOMPANYING PAPER DETAILS SOVIET
SUGGESTED TOPICS THAT CONFERENCES COULD DISCUSS
AND ACT UPON. END SUMMARY.

1. DCM WAS CALLED INTO MFA TODAY TO RECEIVE COPY OF SOVIET LETTER TO ECE EXECSEC AND ACCOMPANYING PAPER WITH SUGGESTED THEMES FOR EUROPEAN CONGRESSES OR MULTILATERAL CONFERENCES ON ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY (ETE). USA DIVISION DEPUTY CHIEF MIKHAYLOV IN PRESENTING PAPERS AND MENTIONING A FEW HIGHLIGHTS MADE POINT THAT SOVIETS WERE OFFERING THEIR IDEAS IN THE BELIEF THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR "PRACTICAL AGREEMENT" ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE PAPER AT THE MEETING OF THE 32ND ECE AND BEFORE THE CSCE BELGRADE CONFERENCE. DCM ACCEPTED PAPERS FOR TRANSMITTAL TO WASHINGTON AND ASSURED MIKHAYLOV THAT USG WOULD GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO OPINIONS CONTAINED IN THEM.

2. SOVIETS APPEAR TO HAVE MADE GENERAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE LETTER TO ECE MEMBER EMBASSIES HERE. OUR COPY IS UNDATED AND UNSIGNED. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS OF LETTER AND PAPER (WE ASSUME ECE WILL PROVIDE FULL ENGLISH TRANSLATION). COPY RUSSIAN TEXT POUCHED EUR/SOV AND EUR/RPE.

3. LETTER RECALLS SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR ETE CONGRESSES AND STATES THEIR DESIRE TO OUTLINE THEIR VIEWS AS PART OF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON PROBLEMS WHICH CANNOT BE DEALT WITH ONLY ON THE NATIONAL OR SUBREGIONAL LEVEL. SUCH AN APPROACH
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IS REFLECTED IN THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, LETTER SAYS. CONGRESSES COULD PROVIDE PRACTICAL IMPULSE TO IMPLEMENTATION OF FINAL ACT AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERSTATE COOPERATION. CONGRESSES OR CONFERENCES WOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARDS CONCLUDING ALL-EUROPEAN MULTILATERAL TREATIES, AGREEMENTS OR CONVENTIONS, ALTHOUGH NO CONSIDERATION OF THESE IS GIVEN AT PRESENT, LETTER SAYS. RATHER THEY COULD BE SPECIFIED IN FINAL CONGRESS DOCUMENTS.

4. SUCH CONGRESSES OR CONFERENCES COULD BE PREPARED AND CONDUCTED, IF ALL AGREE, "WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF" THE ECE OR OF SPECIALLY CREATED INTERNATIONAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEES. "EITHER VARIANT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIET SIDE," LETTER STATES, AND ADDS THAT IN ANY CASE SOVIETS SEE NEED FOR "TAKING INTO ACCOUNT AND UTILIZING TO MAXIMUM DEGREE EXPERIENCES AND APPARATUS OF ECE." LETTER ENDS WITH NOTE THAT SOVIETS CAN AGREE TO HOLDING

CONGRESSES IN ANY ORDER OR SIMULTANEOUSLY BUT URGES, IN ANY CASE, THAT CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN AT UPCOMING 32ND SESSION, OF ECE, AS THIS WILL CONSTITUTE SUBSTANTIAL REALIZATION OF HELSINKI ACCORDS.

5. TEN-PAGE ATTACHMENT TO LETTER CONTAINS "EXAMPLES OF THEMES" FOR THE MEETINGS AND SAYS THE POINTS FOR DISCUSSION COULD BE THESE "CONCRETE PROBLEMS AND MEANS TO THEIR SOLUTION."

6. PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT. COVERS A WIDE RANGE OF ITEMS FROM TRANS-NATIONAL PASSAGE OF POLLUTANTS AND THE WORKING OUT OF AGREED MEASURES FOR CONTROLLING THEIR DISCHARGE, TO OBSERVATION OF HARMFUL EFFECTS ON THE BIOSPHERE AND PROBLEMS WITH AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS AND THEIR
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EFFECTS ON WATER RESOURCES. HIGHLIGHTED AS A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION IS THE CREATION OF WASTE-FREE TECHNOLOGICAL PROCESSES. SPEEDY SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM WOULD, IT SAYS, PERMIT THE ORDERLY SOLUTION OF A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT TASKS.

7. TRANSPORT. COVERS EVERYTHING FROM A UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FOR EUROPE THROUGH WAYS OF IMPROVING CONDITIONS TO ALLOW RAPID EXPANSION OF CONTAINERIZATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT TO COOPERATION IN WORKING OUT NEW HIGH-EFFICIENCY MEANS OF TRANSPORT. IT SAYS THE TIME IS RIPE FOR THE LATTER.

8. ENERGY. CONTAINS SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS RANGING FROM THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND IMPROVING THE STRUCTURE OF THE EUROPEAN ENERGY BALANCE, TO COOPERATION IN RESEARCH.
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